

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and the listing of claims in the application.

Claims Listing:

1 – 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Amended) A method comprising:

accessing peer support resources, wherein said peer support resources are available from a universe of users with a commonality of interest with said user, external to an integrated development environment (IDE) from within said IDE upon instructions from a user of said IDE; and
enabling said user to communicate with said resources.

16. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 15 and wherein said accessing peer support comprises displaying at least one list of existing topics of discussion and providing said user with a selector to select one of said topics.

17. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 16 and wherein said providing also comprises opening a window for said user to participate in a selected discussion.

18. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17 and wherein said opening comprises retrieving said selected topic from a collaborative development server.

19. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 16 and wherein said accessing peer support comprises determining a context of work for a user of said peer support.

20. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 19 and wherein said providing said user comprises selecting from said existing topics those related to said context of work.

21. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 15 and wherein said accessing peer support comprises providing a user with means to ask questions of peers.

22. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 21 and wherein said providing said user comprises determining a context of work for said user of said peer support.

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23. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 21 and wherein said providing said user comprises selecting from among a list of said peers those related to said context of work.

24. (Previously Amended) A method comprising:

displaying topics of discussions based on work being performed in an integrated development environment; and
enabling a user to select one of said topics.

25. (Original) A method according to claim 24 and wherein said work is defined by at least one of the following: the current file, the current class, the current object, the current project, and the current function.

26 – 36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

enabling peer support for a user from within an integrated development environment (IDE), wherein said peer support is available from a universe of users with a commonality of interest with said user, wherein said commonality of interest is determined by at least one context of work within said IDE; and
enabling said user to communicate with at least one of said users.